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 Sir

Errors in Amendment proposal Dated Feb., 10, 98,
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Please consider the amendment proposal Dated Feb., 10, 98, filed on Feb., 12, 98, together with this communication and send me your response at the earliest time possible, I may send replacement sheets or another amendment proposal to correct the errors therein as indicated below, the errors are as follows :

In P.8, second paragraph, line 1, there should be "or means" after "software", and line 4, the phrase "identity program of claim 17 as amended" should be "means for providing identity information of claim 17(before or after this amendment)".

There are also errors in P.3, claim 17(Third time amended), and in my opinion under the sub-heading "a) Claim 1" and the heading "Whether the present invention as defined by independent claims 1, 12, 17, could be met , if a prior art identity software/means for providing identity information, was to be applied to Ananda ?" in P.8, and a correct claim 17(Third time amended), and another opinion of mine under the same sub-heading and heading is submitted, as follows :

17.(Third time amended) Authorising [software] program , stored in a device or existing physically on a medium and meeting an existing standard, for use on a computer [which being made to meet], to protect other commercial computer software by discouraging a user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said protected software or a duplication copy thereof ;

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said computer conforming to said existing standard [such] so that any software [product(s) meeting] conforming to said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof ;

said authorising [software] program being for, when [being] executed, [authorise other] authorising use of said protected software [which being protected from unauthorised use, to be] [used] on said computer ;

wherein information representative of an [a same] encryption algorithm used by a means for providing [an] identity information of [the rightful or authorised] said user [of said authorising software], exists in said authorising [software] program and being accessible or, when said authorising [software] program being executed, usable by [a] the user thereof ;

said identity information being for to be authenticated by a remote computer in order for said remote computer to perform operation(s) for which said [rightful or authorised] user has to be responsible .

[wherein said computer comprises no hardware specific to said rightful or] [authorised user for directly or indirectly authorising use of said other software] [thereon.]

Whether the present invention as defined by independent claims 1, 12, 17. could be met , if a prior art identity software/means for providing identity information, was to be applied to Ananda ?

a) Claim 1

It should be noted that the purpose of Ananda's rental system is to, as mentioned above, "monitor the time period when a particular application software is executed by a user ...for billing and accounting purpose". Therefore, if a prior art identity software was to be applied to Ananda's rental system for providing identity information of a user, then that identity information should be for to be authenticated by the second computer, in order that rental payment can be made from that user's